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ABSTRACT

This book examines some of the implications of recent changes in the British academic world created by the financial stringency imposed by the British Government. It is also concerned with the intrinsic pressures of advancement of knowledge and scholarly endeavor. The book also examines the pressures experienced by students who are expected not only to be successful in their chosen field but also to survive a number of psycho-social pressures such as major transitions from the security of home and the financial pressures produced by meeting the escalating costs of books and domestic needs on a limited budget. The book identifies the fundamental issue of the apparent failure of talented female students to become lecturers, senior lecturers, and professors or to obtain positions in higher administration. Finally the book addresses the issue of the demands on academic staff and what might be done to cope with the stressful problems they report. A solution developed in later chapters is to introduce self-selected division of labor in which academics develop a balance of chosen specialties within teaching, research, and administration and are employed in accordance with matches to an institution's needs. Includes an index. Contains 96 references. (JB)

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